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ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 21372 (NEW SERIES)

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 27 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO DESIGNATING CHOLLAS CREEK
WATERSHED AS A SAN DIEGO REGIONAL PARK
PURSUANT TO SAN DIEGO CHARTER SECTION 55.2(a)(9).

WHEREAS, the Chollas Creek watershed extends from La Mesa and Lemon Grove into areas of the City of San Diego located mostly to the south of State Route 94; and

WHEREAS, the Chollas Creek watershed traverses the neighborhoods of City Heights, Eastern Area, Encanto, Southeastern San Diego, and Barrio Logan and is an asset to the neighborhoods it serves as well as to residents and visitors from across the City and region; and

WHEREAS, the Chollas Creek watershed is an important regional asset, characterized by a rich history and unparalleled historical, biological, and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, Chollas Creek was once well-known to Native Americans, who used it for settlement and as a major trail through the region; and

WHEREAS, Chollas Creek has a long geological history evidenced by a number of paleontological sites; and

WHEREAS, the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program identifies a fundamental and guiding vision for the Chollas Creek watershed as a linear park encompassing multiple branches of Chollas Creek, with design that results in park space for the community, restored creek channels, and providing active linkages through the communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency determined that the Chollas Creek as an "impaired" water body due to high levels of cadmium, copper, lead, zinc, and other toxicity found in the storm water collected; and

WHEREAS, Project First Class, City Wetland Management Plan and several community plan elements were referenced in the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan to provide policy precedent for the basis of city design and development guidelines of Chollas Creek; and

WHEREAS, the implementation actions identified in the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program are in need of an update, and a comprehensive plan is needed to provide additional connections to the Chollas Lake, provide an updated network of trails to further connect communities and increase recreational opportunities, identify potential new locations for specific park projects within the watershed boundaries, and provide updated constraints and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Chollas Creek's distinctive natural, cultural, and historical resources are a regional resource; and

WHEREAS, the Chollas Creek watershed provides endless opportunities to bring diverse neighborhoods together through a watershed-wide system of trails and parks, while also serving as an incredible visitor attraction; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Master Plan calls for the designation of new regional parks in accordance with the San Diego Charter (Charter), in areas that lack easy access to existing regional parks particularly in Communities of Concern; and

WHEREAS, Charter section 55.2(a)(9) defines San Diego Regional Parks as those parks that serve regional residents and/or visitor populations as determined by ordinance of the San Diego City Council (Council) and the Council determines that Chollas Creek is worthy of such a regional designation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego as follows:

Section 1. That Chollas Creek watershed, traversing the neighborhoods of City Heights, Eastern Area, Encanto, Southeastern San Diego, and Barrio Logan, and more particularly illustrated in Exhibit A, is hereby designated a Regional Park within the meaning of Charter section 55.2(a)(9) and is entitled to all benefits that inure to parks of that designation.

Section 2. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to passage, a written copy having been made available to the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Lauren N. Hendrickson
Lauren N. Hendrickson
Deputy City Attorney

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July 13, 2021
August 3, 2021 REV.
Or.Dept: Planning
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Attachment – Map of Approximate Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Park Location

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of SEP 14 2021.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9/24/21
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

"The date of final passage is September 27, 2021, which represents the day this ordinance was returned to the Office of the City Clerk with the Mayor's signature of approval."



Exhibit A:

Approximate Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Park Location

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on SEP 14 2021, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage SEP 27 2021

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Hy Beady*, Deputy

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on

AUG 03 2021

and on SEP 27 2021

I FURTHER CERTIFY that said ordinance was read in full prior to passage or that such reading was dispensed with by a vote of five members of the Council, and that a written copy of the ordinance was made available to each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

(Seal)

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Hy Beady*, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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